

Private Admonition -- Board Case Nos. 1023 and 1028. Date of Sanction: July 13, 1988.

Following a marital property division hearing in Family Court, Lawyer failed to timely file certain documents relating to the value and proposed division of the property, as ordered by the Court. As a result, the Court adopted opposing counsel's proposed findings and divided the property accordingly. In another matter, Lawyer failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's request for information.

Lawyer tendered a conditional admission to the Board and proposed a private admonition together with certain conditions including that, for a one-year period, Lawyer would discuss on a regular basis the status of all matters with another attorney in Lawyer's office, that Lawyer would maintain a daily tickler system, and that Lawyer would not accept new domestic relations clients. After considering mitigating circumstances, including that Lawyer had no prior disciplinary record and that Lawyer had compensated the domestic relations client for having mishandled the property division, the Board accepted the conditional admission and imposed a private admonition for lack of diligence (**DLRPC 1.3**) and failure to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's inquiries (**DLRPC 8.1(b)**). The conditions described above were attached to the admonition.